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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: US COMMENTS ON
DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF 18TH SESSION

REF: (A) STATE 190254, (B) OECD PARIS 22002

1. SUMMARY. US COMMENTS PER REFTEL WELL-RECEIVED BY
SECRETARIAT AND INCORPORATED INTO REVISED DRAFT RECORD,
WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE CONCERNED WITH REVIEW OF
JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (SEE PARAS 5,6 BELOW).
END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL PARA 1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
AS PROPOSED WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO PARA 5 OF RECORD.

3. REFTEL PARA 2. THE WORDS "SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS
PRESENTED AT .. ETC.," WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE
DETAILS THEMSELVES IN SUMMARY RECORD.

4. REFTEL PARA 2(B). WITH RESPECT TO PARA 20 OF
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RECORD (WASTE MANAGEMENT), PORTUGAL HAS MAINTAINED

RESERVATION, SO THAT US WILL BE ADDED TO LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH RESERVATIONS. SECRETARIAT WILL ATTACH APPROPRIATE COVER NOTE.

5. REFTEL PARA 3. RE PARA 14 OF DRAFT (JAPANESE REVIEW), SECRETARIAT HAS EXPLAINED THAT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FRENCH WILL BE GIVEN IN BRIEF ORAL PRESENTATION DURING THE ANALYSIS MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16-20 IN JAPAN. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FORMAL AGENDA ITEMS, WHICH STAYS AT FOUR AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. (SEE REF (B) SECRETARIAT'S LETTER OF INVITATION TO NOVEMBER 16-20 MEETING).

6. REFTEL PARA 3, LAST SENTENCE. PARTICIPATION IN THE NOVEMBER 16-20 ANALYSIS MEETING WILL BE ON BASIS OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATION, NOT AS MEMBERS OF AN OECD TEAM. THIS INTENTION IS CONFIRMED BY THE WORDING OF THE RELEVANT PART OF REF (B) VIZ - "THE ANALYSIS MEETING IN JAPAN ADDRESSES ITSELF TO HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR COUNTRIES FOR THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION".

7. REFTEL PARA 4. RE PARA 25 OF RECORD. THE WORDS "SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL ..." HAVE BEEN DROPPED.

8. REFTEL PARA 5. PARA 33 OF RECORD. US PG POSAL ADOPTED, WITH FOLLOWING MINOR EDITORIAL MODIFICATION: AFTER WORDS "ITS INTEREST IN", READ "HAVING SOME DOCUMENTS DERESTRICTED AB INITIO", AND CONTINUE "IT RECOGNIZED ...".

9. REVISED DRAFT RECORD WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST.
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